# PRESCRIPTION FOR **DANGER**



# Saturday October 28, 2017 10:00AM-2:00PM

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

## Alexandria Police Headquarters

3600 Wheeler Avenue

# **First Baptist Church**

2923 King St

### **Alexandria Fire Station 210**

5255 Eisenhower Ave

# The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray

2204 Mt Vernon Avenue

# SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

- · Changes in mood
- · Changes in sleeping
- · Curfew violations
- · Drug paraphernalia
- Lack of grooming
- Loss of appetite
- Low energy
- Missing work/school
- Slurred speech
- Unexplained weight loss/gain
- · Temper outbursts

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Many people believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs because a doctor prescribed them—they're not.
- More people die accidentally from prescription drugs each year than all types of illegal drugs combined.
- Combining pain killers or anti-anxiety drugs with alcohol multiplies the effect—your heart or your breathing can stop.
- Drug-induced deaths now exceed deaths from motor vehicle accidents in more than 17 states.
- Most kids who abuse prescription drugs report they get them from their home medicine cabinets or from friends.
- Proper disposal of unwanted medication prevents environmental contamination of our waterways and soils.

### SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE

- Abnormal pupil size •
- Agitation
- Convulsions
- Paranoid behavior
- Difficulty breathing
- Drowsiness
- Hallucinations

- Nausea and vomiting
- Non-reactive pupils
- Staggering or unsteady gait
- Sweating or extremely dry, hot skin
- Tremors
- Unconsciousness
- Violent or aggressive behavior

Suspect Problems?
Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION OF ALEXANDRIA









Suspect an Overdose? Call 911





Go to www.PreventItAlexandria.org to learn more